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DEPT FOR NEA/EX

1. FOLLOWING ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ANTI-TERRORIST SECURITY
AND ARE SET FORTH IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

(A) FIRST PRIORITIES - ALL EQUALLY IMPORTANT

1. BULLET RESISTANT GLASS FOR AMBASSADOR AND DCM'S
VEHICLES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARMOR PLATED.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF RSO AND SECRETARY.

(B) SECOND PRIORITIES - LISTED IN PRIORITY ORDER

1. BULLET RESISTANT GLASS IN EMBASSY LOBBY.

2. FOUR SECURITY GUARDS FOR DCM'S RESIDENCE PRESENTLY
UNCOVERED. (FY-74 COSTS \$785; FY75 COSTS \$2,095)

3. LIGHT WEIGHT METAL DETECTORS, (TWO) FOR MAIL ROOM PERSONNEL
TO USE IN SCREENING SUSPICIOUS MAIL. THESE WERE
NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM RTC
RTC FRANKFURT FOR ABOUT \$70.00 EACH.

4. HI BAND REPEATER SYSTEM.

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5. THREE PR 36'S WITH DESK CHARGERS.

6. ARMOR PLATING FOR MSG AND RECEPTIONIST DESKS IN LOBBY.

7. ARMOR PLATING AND LOCKING DEVICE FOR CONFERENCE ROOM DOORS.

8. BULLET PROOF GLASSFOR TOPS OF DESKS IN LOBBY.

2. SINCE WE FIRST RECOMMENDED THREE ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS WE HAVE HAD TIME TO RE-CONSIDER THIS REQUEST IN VIEW OF OUR EXPERIENCE. IN THE TWO SPECIFIC SERIOUS THREATS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE LAST YEAR WE FOUNDTHAT WE COULD GET ADDITIONAL MSGS QUICKLY FROM OTHER POSTS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES AND COULD ARRANGE THE EXTRA WORK IMPOSED BY POSTING WATCHSTANDERS AT THE CHANCERY TO LONGER WATCHES UNTIL ADDITIONAL MSG'S ARRIVED. FURTHERMORE, SINCE WE HAVE ONLY ONE POST FOR MSGS WE BELIEVE SIX WATCHSTANDERS ARE SUFFICIENT TO ADEQUATELY COVER OUR NEEDS. WE ARE FACED ALSO WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOUSING. THE CURRENT MARINE HOUSE IS ALREADY INADQUATE AND WE ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO LOCATE ADEQUATE HOUSING. OUR REQUEST FOR THREE ADDITIONAL MSG'S , THEREFORE, IS HEREBY WITHDRAWN, REPEAT WITHDRAWN.

3. WE HAVE ALREADY INSTALLED A LOW-BAND RADIO IN THE AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE WITH MT76 HIBAND SYSTEM. OUR REQUEST FOR THIS ITEM IS ALSO WITHDRAWN, REPEAT WITHDRAWN.

4. SUPPORT COSTS FOR RSO AND SECRETARY: FY-74, RSO \$3,375, SECRETARY \$950. FY-75, RSO \$12,825, SECRETARY \$5,550. TOTALS, FY-74 \$4,325, FY75 \$18,375.

5. IF DEPT CANNOT FUND ALL ABOVE REQUESTS LISTED PARA 1, A & B, SUGGEST CUTOFF AT 1, B,5. LAST THREE ITEMS VERY DESIRABLEBUT IF WE GET THE REST WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT THEM.

6. SEPTTEL ON USIS FOLLOWS.
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